



Public Meeting Notes

High Point Community Center Addition: Presentation of Final Design April 8, 2003, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at High Point Community Center

PRESENTERS: Mel Streeter and Sam Cameron/Streeter & Associates, Architects; Mark Johnson/Parks Project Manager

The Agenda:

Introductions

Presentation of the Final Design

Background:

Parks sent out the usual 2-3,000 mailers advertising the meeting three weeks before it occurred. Six community members were present.

- Mel Streeter presented the project, beginning with colors and materials boards. The designers have worked to develop a color and materials palette that works with the existing colors at High Point Community Center. In the Childcare Room, a vinyl wall covering is proposed for the walls above the cubbies which resulted in questions about how it would be maintained or repaired. The architects noted that it was out of reach of most children.
- There was general discussion about building security during operating hours. Several participants suggested that a bell or buzzer should sound at the front desk when someone enters or leaves the facility.
- There was a lengthy discussion about the public art piece, a video-generated view of downtown shown in a sculptural assembly outside the front entry to the building. The video camera for the view will be located on a mast above the community center roof. One participant was concerned that birds perching on the mast might foul the camera. Parks project manager explained that the camera would be protected from direct contact with the birds, and that should unforeseen problems develop Parks and the Arts Commission would work to resolve them.
- There was some discussion of the HOPE VI project that SHA is leading. Attendees noted that the High Point Boys and Girls Club is now defunct, no longer requiring space in the new development. However, the YMCA is working to retain a facility in the redeveloped High Point, but no space is yet available to them.

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